

Locomotive Headlights.
"There are 25,000 locomotives in the United States," said a railway official, "and every one of them is furnished with a headlight. A locomotive without a headlight would look like a dog without a nose, and most people would say that it is next to impossible to run a locomotive without a big lamp in front. Yet I am of the opinion that these lamps are almost useless, and that they could be taken off most locomotives without detriment to anybody. Headlights are not in use in England, and we have used them in America simply because somebody used them before us. We have become so accustomed to them that most people think that a locomotive without a lamp could not be run with safety, but I am convinced that there is more danger in their use than in their absence. I speak, of course, of road engines, and not of those used in yards. On a road engine the headlight is of no earthly use to the engineer; it obstructs his vision so that he cannot see his switch light, and I think that every thinking engineer will come to the conclusion that he would rather run in the night without a lamp than with it, as he can see better in the dark. Red cannot be seen distinctly under such a powerful light when the engine is running rapidly. A green light under the brilliant illumination of a headlight appears yellow, and a blue light appears pale. I know of accidents which have occurred from this cause and the eyesight of every engineer having a night run is put under a terrible strain by continually gazing ahead into such a light surrounded by such dense darkness. "If there is any good argument in favor of the retention of head lights on road locomotives it is that travelers by public highways who have to cross railroads at grades can see the train coming at a greater distance by means of the head lights. But it would be cheaper for the roads to rig up automatic warning bells at every grade crossing, to continue the use of so many unneeded lamps. The new electric headlight put on the market a few years ago was a success as a light-giver, but it has not been generally introduced, simply because railroad managers know that headlights on road locomotives are practically useless, and that a more powerful light would be positively dangerous."—Chicago Herald.

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Terms Used in Perfumery.
A few terms used in perfumery are so confusing that a word or two of explanation are necessary. "Extract," "essence," "spirit" and "tincture" are practically the same, viz., an alcoholic solution of a pleasant odor. A "tincture," strictly speaking, is an extract prepared by treating dry substances, such as musk,orris, etc., with alcohol; but in perfumery, at least, the distinction is not necessary. If the term "extract" alone were used to represent all these, there would be a gain in simplicity without any loss through ambiguity. Some manufacturers, too, make a distinction between essence of rose (prepared from pomade) and "spirit of rose" (prepared from otto). A better way to distinguish them is to name the former "extract of rose pomade," and the latter "extract of rose." "Extract of violets" and "extract of orris" are terms sometimes applied to the same thing, but should be no longer so. A "pomade" is a fat or oil holding certain odors in solution. The more delicate odors are best collected in this way; and some cannot satisfactorily be collected in any other way. The term "otto" is usually restricted to oil of roses, but it might with advantage be extended to all the essential oils. These oils are generally obtained by distilling the odoriferous substances with water. The oil distills over with the water, and then readily separates from it. "Simple essences" contain only one odor dissolved in alcohol; "bouquets," or "handkerchief perfumes," are mixtures of two or more "simple essences."

He Had Forgotten.
"Daniel," hoarsely whispered the President, coming in hastily and standing, holding the door knob with a shaky hand and a look of fright in his eyes.
"Yes, sire," responded the startled secretary.
"As I passed the open door of my room a while ago, I saw a bonnet on my dressing case and a woman at my window."
"Yes, sire," and the secretary's voice was steady.
"But, Daniel, urged the agitated chief, "what does it mean? who could it have been?"
"Mrs. Cleveland, sire."
"Miss Cleveland is not in the house, Daniel. She has gone to New York."
"I said Mrs. Cleveland, sir."
"Mrs. Cleveland, Daniel," repeated the President, interrogatively.
"Yes, sire."
"My brother's wife is not here, Daniel."
"It is your own wife, sire."
"Zounds, Daniel," roared Mr. C., "I had forgotten. Here, tie a string around my finger to jog my memory till I get used to it. Ha, ha! Daniel I think I owe you the cigars on that, don't I?" and a look of intense and happy relief came over the President's face as he resumed his daily toil, whistling softly to himself.—Wash. Critic.

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